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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN PREMIER STOPH VISITS PRAGUE

REF PRAGUE 1110

1. CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR STATE COUNCIL WILLI STOPH ENDED A TWO-DAY
VISIT TO PRAGUE APRIL 28 WITH A CALL ON CPCX GENERAL SECRETARY
HUSAK. BILLED AS A "WORKING VISIT," STOPH'S STAY AT PRAGUE NONETHELE
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EXHIBITED ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF A HIGHLY POLITICAL AND CEREMONIAL
VENUE, CONTRASTING IN THIS RESPECT WITH THE RECENT VISIT OF ROMANIAN
PREMIER MANESCU (REFTTEL). ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE
FIGURED HEAVILY IN THE AGENDA.

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2. STOPH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY STATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
GERHARD WEISS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HERBERT KROLIKOWSKI, DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER GERHARD
NITZSCHKE AND STATE PLANNING COMMISSION DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KARL
PEUSER.

3. ECONOMIC MATTERS: JOINT COMMUNIQUE INDICATES GDR-CSSR TRADE EXCEEDED 1.5 BILLION RUBLES IN 1976. 25 PERCENT OF TRADE CONSISTED OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED UNDER SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE NOTED BEFORE, GDR AND CSSR ECONOMIES TEND TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER. WE SURMISE THAT ONE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION MAY HAVE BEEN COOPERATION TO REDUCE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. END COMMENT.

4. POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS: PERMIERS PRAISED ALLIANCE WITH SOVIET UNION AS GUARANTEE OF FURTHER BILATERAL SUCCESSES, USED PHRASE "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM," AND MADE RITUAL BOW TO "PEACE PROGRAM OF CPSU." IN ADDITION, COMMUNIQUE PRAISED BUCHAREST PCC DECLARATION ON ATOMIC NON-FIRST USE AND REPEATED SOVIET POSITION ON FINAL ACT AND NATURE OF BELGRADE MEETING.

5. ROMANIAN EMBOFF WHO ATTENDED CEREMONIAL DINNER GIVEN BY CZECHOSLOVAKS FOR STOPH REPORTED TO US THAT HE COULD "HARDLY BELIEVE" THE LAVISH PRAISE, ASSURANCES OF MUTUAL COOPERATION, AND REPEATED REFERENCES TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT EMANATED FROM BOTH SIDES. THOUGH A ROMANIAN PERCEPTION, IT RINGS TRUE TO US. BYRNE

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